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5. [REDACTED] Talked with [REDACTED] regarding his requests per Mr. Cary for information on our informant system. He explained his interest was an outcome of an IRS case in Florida and it was an effort by his organization to establish the legal basis and procedures for the use of informants. He indicated that he had had a response from the FBI which was a general synopsis of their program. Accordingly, he needed general information of other agencies such as the CIA for purposes of comparison. I explained a large portion of our activities were abroad and would not be a good basis for comparison. He mentioned that CIA might be involved in some activities in the U.S. which might add to his base of information. I explained that any such activities would give a very limited scope and would not be useful for his purposes. Furthermore, the Senate Committee of Congress was looking into this aspect and have very little to contribute. He appreciated my response and said that now that he understood differences between CIA and other agencies in the U.S. he would have no need for information from us on this subject.

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6. [REDACTED] Richard Fryklund, DOD Legislative Affairs office, called to alert us to the fact that Seymour Hersh has been in touch with the Pentagon regarding U.S. contracts with the Shah of Iran concerning Iran's purchases of certain electronic equipment. Fryklund said Hersh claims NSA is disturbed that they will loose their technology if this program is carried out and Hersh alleges further that NSA was not consulted concerning this program.

After checking further and talking with the Director, I contacted Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and Bill Hogan, House Armed Services Committee staff, and alerted them to the fact that Hersh probably will publish an article on this subject in Sunday's paper. I also mentioned the recent article by Andrew St. George in the June issue of Esquire in which he alleges the Agency has had him under surveillance. I said this allegation simply is not true.

Hogan raised a question about newspaper stories today alleging that the Agency had been involved in intelligence operations in [REDACTED]. I told him 25X1 it was my understanding there was no truth to this story either.

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